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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING REMAINING CAPACITY OF

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-206028, published July 30, 1999, along with English-Language Abstract;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-147260, published May 29, 2001, along with English-Language Abstract;
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-135159, published May 21, 1999, along with English-Language Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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